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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you, under paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990), of the action undertaken this day by France, in fulfilment of earlier commitments made within the framework of plans established jointly with its allies, with a view to securing the implementation of Security Council resolution 660 (1990) and of all pertinent subsequent resolutions of the Council.

The action by the French forces present in the region has no other objective than that of liberating Kuwait.

A first air strike was made by assault aircraft of the French Air Force on 17 January 1991 at the beginning of the morning, as part of a joint raid aimed at an Iraqi military target in Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pierre-Louis BLANC

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